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1 JENNIFER VIERECK: I just wanted to mention one thing that came up for me. My name is Jennifer Viereck, V-i-e-r-e-c-k, and I'm speaking this time entirely for myself. When I asked the question earlier concerning doses, and the statistics used in the supplemental document are primarily latent cancer fatalities. And I had a question earlier regarding other effects, cancer and other diseases that are documented to come from radiation exposure, whether low-level or high-level.

And in my discussion afterwards with Tracy Ikenberry it was very interesting, and I just want to go on record saying that according to him there are a number of ways in which ingestion of plants and animal material, which is extremely important to the native diet in this area, medicinal plants are used in many, many ways, and venison and rabbit has long been a staple.

One of the things that we noted was that although there were ways to calculate those, one of the staples in this area is pine nuts. And that as that comes from a tree and not from an annual plant, or even a plant that might last ten years, it has not been looked at as to how to include a dosage from that in your calculations. And this would be extremely important to people in this area, and not just native people because you can frequently buy them in the fall at both Smith's and Albertson's in Pahrump by the pound.

2 Finally, I also just would like to really, really commend you all at the Department of Energy for coming up with what is at least partially a solar powered nuclear waste facility. I think at least this much (indicating) you're moving in the right direction, and I hope somebody tells the President. Thank you.